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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 21, 2007, claims 1-26 were rejected as being anticipated by Wenzel (US 2002/0167905).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite subject matter of former dependent claim 2 (now cancelled). Claim 1 now recites receiving a request from a base station controller to terminate a communication session with a mobile station, and in response to receiving the request to terminate, checking an indicator to determine whether the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station. Moreover, in response to determining that the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station, a message is generated to deny the request to terminate the communications session.

With respect to the subject matter of claim 2, the Office Action cited to ¶¶ [0041], [0038], and [0040], of Wenzel. ¶ [0041] of Wenzel refers to a PDSN having an internal timer that expires when there is no activity in communications with a mobile terminal. When the timer expires, the PDSN generates a "ping" to the mobile terminal. The PDSN retries the ping three times after corresponding expirations of the timer. After the third time, if the mobile terminal still does not reply, the PDSN "generates a signal 332 to PCF 304 over the A10 interface to instruct it to tear down the point-to-point protocol communication link 324." Wenzel, ¶ [0041], last few lines.

Thus, what is contemplated by Wenzel is that the PDSN generates a signal to tear down the communications link in response to expiration of the timer a few times. There is no concept or teaching in Wenzel of receiving a request from a base station controller to terminate a communications session with a mobile station, and generating a message to deny the request in response to determining that the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station.

The other passages, ¶¶ [0038] and [0040], also do not provide any teaching of receiving a request from a base station controller and generating a message to deny such a request. ¶ [0038] of Wenzel merely refers to various components of a network, and ¶ [0040] refers to establishing a call. Neither of these paragraphs refers to receiving a request from a base station controller to terminate a communication session with a mobile station, and generating a message to deny the

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request to terminate the communications session in response to determining that the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station.

Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by Wenzel.

Independent claim 13 is also similarly not anticipated by Wenzel. Claim 13 recites instructions when executed causing a node to receive, from a wireless network, a request to terminate a communications session with a mobile station, and in response to the request, checking an indicator to determine whether the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station, and in response to determining that the communications session is to be maintained for the mobile station, generating a message to deny the request to terminate the communications session.

As discussed above, Wenzel contemplates the PDSN sending a signal to tear down a communications link in response to a number of expirations of a timer. There is no teaching of **denying a request** to terminate a communications session that is received from a wireless network in Wenzel.

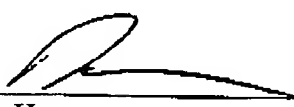
Independent claim 22 is allowable for similar reasons as claim 13.

Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims. Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0117US).

Respectfully submitted,

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